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NEWS RELEASE

United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan and Mark Baldwin, District Attorney of Berks County, today announced the filing of an indictment¹ charging JAMARR DELMONT WELMAKER, RAUL ANTONIO RIVERA and JAIME NEVAREZ. RIVERA and NEVAREZ are charged in Count One with conspiracy to distribute over 500 grams of cocaine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 846 and in Count Two with possession of over 500 grams of cocaine with the intent to distribute, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1). WELMAKER is charged in Count Three with attempt to possess of over 500 grams of cocaine with the intent to distribute, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) and with attempt to possess of over 500 grams of cocaine with the intent to distribute within 1000 feet of a school or college, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 860(a).

If convicted on all counts, RIVERA and NEVAREZ face a maximum sentence of 80 years imprisonment, a mandatory minimum of 5 years imprisonment, a minimum of 4 years up to lifetime supervised release, a \$4,000,000 fine and a \$200 special assessment. If WELMAKER is convicted on all counts he faces a maximum sentence of 120 years imprisonment, a mandatory minimum of 5 years imprisonment, a minimum of 8 years up to lifetime supervised release, a \$6,000,000 fine and a \$200 special assessment.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
JAMARR DELMONT WELMAKER	135 W. Oley Street, Reading, PA	12/25/1982
RAUL ANTONIO RIVERA	3175 N. Price Road, Chandler, Arizona	5/7/1971
JAIME NEVAREZ	220 S. Dakota Street, Chandler, Arizona	8/28/1977

This indictment is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods. Project Safe Neighborhoods is a joint initiative by the United States Attorney's Office, the Berks County District Attorney's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Reading Police Department, the Berks County Sheriff's Department, and other federal, state and

¹An Indictment is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

local law enforcement agencies. This investigation was initiated by the Berks County District Attorney's Office and adopted by the Reading Area Violent Crime Task Force (RAVCTF). The RAVCTF, comprised of the above agencies, was established to assist local law enforcement agencies in Berks County in combating violent crime, and is paying particular attention to the violence associated with gangs and drugs.

The case has been assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Francis C. Barbieri, Jr. and Special Assistant United States Attorney M. Theresa Johnson.

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